

## **Lake Phalen FAQ**

### **When does Lake Phalen Open?**

Lake Phalen opens to the public for weekends only Memorial Day through around June 10<sup>th</sup>. After that, it is open every day for the rest of the summer.

### **Is Lake Phalen safe to swim in?**

Generally area lakes are safe to swim in the State of Minnesota. We recommend swimming in a life guarded area. Parents are encouraged to watch their children in and out of the water. This can help you and others to have a positive experience when visiting Lake Phalen.

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation also collects samples and tests the lake water weekly during the swim season to ensure that the water meets acceptable bacteria levels.

### **What do you look for when you take water samples?**

The most current EPA recommendations for sampling are to test for the presence of Escherichia coli (E. coli).

### **Under what conditions may Lake Phalen Beach close to the public?**

The city of Saint Paul only closes beaches due to conditions that would affect public health. Causes for closure can include elevated bacteria levels (such as E. coli), or any other threat to the public's health.

### **How often has the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation had to close the beach?**

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation has never had to implement a closing of Lake Phalen Beach.

### **When is it safe to resume swimming at Phalen Beach?**

The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation will re-open beaches only once samples indicate that bacteria levels have returned to a safe level.

### **Can you eat the fish caught in Lake Phalen?**

Yes, fish are normally safe, if cooked properly.

### **How many miles is it around the walking path at Lake Phalen?**

3.2 miles.

### **What is the surface area of water in Lake Phalen in acres?**

198.80 acres

### **Can I use my motor boat on Lake Phalen?**

Yes! Lake Phalen allows boats, but an electric trolling motor is required.

### **What else can I do at Phalen Park?**

Phalen Park offers Sand Volley Ball, Lake Phalen Adventure Camp, Picnic area and Pavilion, Amphitheater, Playground, Golf Course and Boat Launch.